1105 from Mr. Ayyankulangara Uthuppu Variath, Pazhanji ; and if so ;

(b) what is the request contained therein ;

(c) what action has been taken with respect to the above petition ;

(d) whether any reply has been sent to the petitioner ; and if not, what is the reason for not sending a reply yet ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) To metal the north-south road in Pazhanji Bazaar with gravel.

(c) The petition was enquired into and it was found that gravelling is not necessary as the surface is of laterite.

(d) The petitioner has been informed of it.

Articles purchased in connection with H. E. the Viceroy's visit.

349. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether new articles such as gold and silver vessels, cots and others of a permanent nature were purchased in connection with His Excellency the Viceroy's visit last year; if so, to place a list of the same with the cost for each and the use to which they are put now and if the articles were sold, a list of the same with the cost price and the amount realised by the sale ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A statement showing the articles referred to in the question with full particulars is placed on the Council table.

Lotteries.

350. Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of lotteries allowed to be conducted in the State during the last 12 years;

(b) whether the Government is aware that a large number of lotteries are being conducted in Goa, and in British India in aid of charitable and religious institutions, and that a large sum of money flows outside the State by way of subscriptions for such lotteries;

(c) whether the Government has considered the advisability of encouraging similar lotteries in aid of *bona fide* charitable religious and educational institution and for raising funds for the Municipalities in the State?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Two.

(b) A few purchases of Goa and other lottery tickets are reported from some parts. No definite information is available n the matter.

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